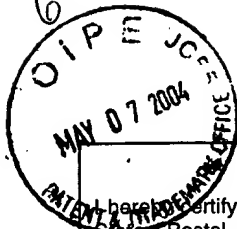


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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed responsive to the Office action (Final Rejection) mailed on February 3, 2004, the shortened statutory period for response to which is extended to expire on June 3, 2004, by simultaneously filed petition. It is requested that the amendment be entered to place the claims in condition for allowance or, alternatively, in better form for appeal.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee due, or credit any overcharge, as a result of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 03-1935.